

**HAMPTON BEACH VILLAGE DISTRICT
MEETING
August 14, 2013**

Present

Chuck Rage, Chairman & Commissioner
Maureen Buckley, Commissioner
Robert Ladd, Commissioner
Stephen LaBranche, Treasurer

Chairman Rage called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Blue Ocean

Chairman Rage welcomed Cathy Silva and Jen Kennedy of Blue Ocean. Ms. Kennedy said Blue Ocean opened on June 29th. There were 2,500 visitors the first month. The children seemed very excited about their visits. Ms. Kennedy said they do a beach clean up every day at 3:30 p.m. Blue Ocean will be open every day from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. through the Seafood Festival and then on Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. until mid-October.

Chairman Rage suggested that the local schools might schedule field trips to Blue Ocean and that he had heard great things about the facility.

Chairman Rage then presented Blue Ocean with a check for \$5,000.

Park Benches Update

Ed St. Pierre said he had a conversation with Chief Silver regarding Mr. St. Pierre's intention to donate a bench for the firemen. Chief Silver said he would like to have one at both stations. Mr. St. Pierre asked the Commissioners to work with him to fill this request. These benches will be unique.

Chairman Rage said he felt this was a great idea. Both fire stations work together.

Mr. St. Pierre said Doc Noel's bench needs a new home and suggested placing it near the new meeting room.

Chairman Rage asked for cost figures for the two fire station benches. Mr. St. Pierre replied that cost would be approximately \$400-\$500 per bench.

Chairman Rage said the fire departments and EMT's do a fantastic job for the Town.

Trash Pick Up on Private Streets

Commissioner Ladd said the Board of Selectmen is discussing the pick up of trash on private streets. It is important that residents are aware of this so they can voice their opinions. Commissioner Ladd said he would encourage the Board of Selectmen to schedule a public hearing on this issue. This involves about 35 streets with an assessed value in excess of \$100 million.

Commissioner Ladd said according to the RSA's there is no law requiring the Town to pick up anybody's trash.

Richard Reniere asked about picking up trash on private property.

Michael Pierce, Selectman, said the Town is presently picking up trash on private property, but this has potential problems such as the Town being liable for any accident that might occur. Mr. Pierce said the BOS has decided it would be best to stay off private property. There are 8-12 private properties where this problem exists.

Mr. Pierce said he would encourage everybody who lives on private streets to speak up on this issue.

Chairman Rage said he felt these people should get a tax abatement if they do not have the service of trash pick up.

Mr. LaBranche said he lives on a state highway and asked if trash pick up will continue there. Mr. Pierce said it would.

Commissioner Ladd said the state created a fire lane statute. This did not go far enough. It did not allow the Town to plow the road legally. Now emergency lane status allows the Town to plow. If this went to litigation it could be a problem for the Town.

Commissioner Ladd said when people buy property there is nothing that tells them if they are on a private road. This information is not on the deed or at the Assessor's office. The only place it is noted is at the Dept. of Public Works.

Old Business

Commissioner Ladd said he attended a meeting at UNH concerning the new flood plain maps the university is working on with FEMA. A decision will be made in September or October. The new flood plain maps will be adopted the middle of next year and will trigger how much insurance will cost.

Commissioner Ladd congratulated the 375th Anniversary Celebration Committee and especially thanked Dick Desrosier who headed the committee and Betty Moore of the Historical Society. It was a great event.

Commissioner Ladd warned everyone to be aware of phone call scams.

Commissioner Rage said with the resignation of Walter Kivlan from the Hampton Beach Area Commission, the Commissioners are looking for someone to fill that spot.

Mr. Kivlan thanked the Commissioners for giving him the opportunity to serve on the HBAC. He suggested temporarily appointing Commissioner Ladd to that post until a new representative takes over. It is important to keep the momentum going. Commissioner Rage thanked Mr. Kivlan for all he has done.

Commissioner Rage discussed the 30 trash barrels decorated with 60 pieces of art spearheaded by the HBAC and the Beautification Committee. He said they look great and he has received many positive comments.

New Business

Commissioner Buckley discussed the Hampton Beach Talent Competition which will take place August 23, 24 and 25. Glen French said the Select Committee reviewed close to 80 applications. It is too late to get in this year, but plans should be made for next year. Mr. French said the quality of talent made it difficult to pick semi-finalists. Mr. French thanked Commissioner Buckley for all of her help. Commissioner Buckley encouraged everyone to come to the beach to see the competition.

Commissioner Ladd said he felt there should be a series of presentations by qualified people to explain about flood insurance and also evacuation plans.

Commissioner Rage said everyone has done a great job on Children's Week. The beach is packed with children. There were 300 people at Movie Night last week.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Commissioner Ladd, seconded by Commissioner Buckley, to approve the Minutes of July 10, 2013.

Vote: 3 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Mr. Kivlan suggested that the Commissioners purchase a table at the 375th Anniversary Banquet to be held at the Ashworth Hotel on October 11th. Chairman Rage said the Commissioners will certainly be there but will purchase their own tickets.

Brian Lapham said he felt not everyone is aware of what is happening at the beach. He recently had some calls from senior citizens who do not have computers regarding this. There is no schedule on Channel 22. John Kane said he can work with the Chamber to distribute magazines uptown. Michael Pierce said if information is put on a CD, it can be put on Channel 22.

Mr. Lapham noted that the Village District's next meeting will conflict with the 9/11 Ceremony at the American Legion. Mr. LaBranche suggested changing the time of the meeting to 4:00 p.m.

Moved by Commissioner Ladd, seconded by Commissioner Buckley, to change the time of the Hampton Beach Village District's September 11th meeting to 4:00 p.m.

Vote: 3 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

Closing Comments

Commissioner Rage discussed the Green & Co. project which is scheduled to be heard at the August 15th meeting of the Zoning Board of Adjustment. He noted that since it is scheduled at the end of the ZBA agenda it is likely that it won't be heard until August 22nd. Commissioner Rage suggested that anyone with strong opinions one way or another should attend this meeting.

Commissioner Buckley noted that these new building projects create more employees who need parking when they come to work at the beach. This is a very real problem. Commissioner Rage said some possible solutions are being looked at.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Rice
Secretary